

**Oregon Tualatin Valley  
Amateur Radio Club**

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The Oregon Tualatin Valley Amateur Radio Club is a special service club related to ARRL: The National Association for Amateur Radio. We seek to advance the Amateur Radio Service through:

- ⇒ Education and Training of new and licensed amateurs
- ⇒ Public Service and Emergency communication
- ⇒ Hobby nets, contests and meetings
- ⇒ Social events

Membership is available to anyone. An amateur radio license is not required.

**2008  
BOARD ELECTED**

On December 12th, the club elected its 2008 Board of Directors. **Kristin Tomson K7KWT** and **Ron O'Connor KD7VIK** join the Board as Secretary and Trustee respectively. Kristin and Ron are new to leadership on our board but have served in other capacities.

Kristin and Ron join **Robert Crocker WN7O** (President); **Pat Roberson N7PAT** (Vice President); **Alvin Carlson KB7VHI** (Treasurer); and **Phil Kane K2ASP** (Trustee) who were re-elected. **JD Fort K7JDF** is rejoining the board as Trustee, having previously served in that role as well as President and Vice President. **Wes Allen K7WWG** and **Joel Simmons AD7IS** are completing two-year terms and continue as Trustees in 2008. Thank you to all members who participated in selecting our leaders for 2008. Thanks to **Al Berg W7SIC** and **Will Sheffield N7THL** for standing for election as Trustees. Both continue in other roles as club leaders.

Completing their terms on the Board at the end of 2007 are **Will Sheffield N7THL** and **Jim Bonner KD7CJS**. We are remembering each as they deal successfully with health issues. **Steve Ward AD7OG** completed his term as Secretary. We extend our appreciation to each of these for their service to the club.

**OTVARC.ORG**

The most current information on Oregon Tualatin Valley Amateur Radio Club may be found at the Club's Internet Home: [www.otvarc.org](http://www.otvarc.org). The web site is maintained on a regular basis, often updated weekly, and breaking news may be found there.

At our Internet Home, you may read about club events and projects; search for call sign information using QRZ.COM; read news from the ARRL and Southgate Radio Club. Much of the information found in your monthly copy of *THE OSCILLATOR* appears first at our Internet Home. A link to our Club Calendar is found here.

Our Internet Home is maintained by the same volunteers who contribute to *THE OSCILLATOR*. **Everett W6ABM** serves as our current webmaster. He is building on the earlier work of **Betty N7REX** and **Marc WA7PXW** who created the original web home for the club.

Is there something you believe would be useful to members and friends of OTVARC? Let our web team know by sending your suggestions to [otvarc@gmail.com](mailto:otvarc@gmail.com) or the postal box.

**CLUB MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, January 9th**

OTVARC is affiliated with ARRL: The National Association for Amateur Radio and is a *Special Service Club*. We meet on the second Wednesday of each month.

Our January 9th meeting will be held at our regular meeting location: **Peppermill Restaurant**, 17455 SW Farmington Rd, Beaverton beginning at 7:00 pm. We'll have our appetite whetted for HF operating. **Dave W8NF** and **Ron KD7VIK** will present 'CONTESTING 101 FOR NEW CONTESTERS.'

Enjoy a pre-meeting dinner with other members at 6:00 pm. Guests are always welcome.



**THE BARREL**

Read the collected thoughts of our president, **Robert WN7O** here...or online at the club web site: [www.otvarc.org/president/index.html](http://www.otvarc.org/president/index.html)

At the web site, you'll find past BARREL contributions, plus other up-to-date information on the life of Oregon Tualatin Valley Amateur Radio Club.



## TECHNICIAN LICENSE CLASSES IN JANUARY

On January 5, 12, and 19 a series of license preparation classes will be held for the Technician Class license. Classes are free and are held at TVF&R Station 67, 13810 SW Farmington Rd in Beaverton. Classes are based on video and "Elmers" are present to assist in your learning process. Sessions are held from 1:00 - 4:00 pm. Check with **Janet WB7FJC** [wb7fjc@arrl.net](mailto:wb7fjc@arrl.net) or **John KA7BRZ** [ka7brz@arrl.net](mailto:ka7brz@arrl.net).

### Amateur Radio License Examinations

Exam sessions are held on the first Saturday of each month at 1:00 PM at the Hillsboro Fire Department, Ronler Acres Station, 4455 NW 229th Street, Hillsboro, Oregon. The June Exam session will be held on May 31st at the SEA-PAC Ham Convention, Seaside. All exam elements are administered at each session.

The test fee for 2008 is \$14.00. Bring check or money order payable to ARRL/VEC and a photo ID. Applicants upgrading must bring the original AND a copy of their current license PLUS the original AND a copy of any CSCE that applies to the upgrade. A listing of exam dates may be found on our Internet site at [www.otvarc.org/VETest/index.html](http://www.otvarc.org/VETest/index.html)

Contact **Carl Clawson, WS7L**, 503-629-5796, [ws7l@arrl.net](mailto:ws7l@arrl.net), to preregister. Volunteer Examinations are sponsored by Oregon Tualatin Valley Amateur Radio Club (OTVARC), a special service club of the American Radio Relay League.

**OTVARC ADDRESS:**  
**880 NE 25th Ave Ste 2-160**  
**Hillsboro OR 97124-6258**

### 146.960 MHz Repeater By Shoutcast

The club's 146.960 MHz Repeater is heard via the Internet at [www.shoutcast.com](http://www.shoutcast.com). Search for **W7OTV**.

The stream is up 24/7 at 48 kbps with a max of 32 listeners. Listening only, no transmit capability. This is made possible by **Frank K2NCC**. We thank him for his support in this way.

A report of recent activity may be found on the club web site [www.otvarc.org](http://www.otvarc.org).

### FIFTH WEDNESDAY SIMPLEX CONTEST

The first Fifth Wednesday Contest of 2008 will take place on Wednesday, January 30th at 8:00 - 9:00 pm on 147.54 MHz. This simplex contest allows better understanding of local propagation. Join in the fun!

### CHIPS FROM THE BOARD

Your 2007 and 2008 Boards met on December 30th at Terwilliger's on Canyon in Beaverton. The intention had been to check out Ernesto's Restaurant, recommended as a possible meeting site. Ernesto's was closed.

The meeting was led by **Robert WN7O**. Minutes were received. **Alvin KKB7VHI** offered the treasurer's report by telephone. **Wes K7WWG** was absent but reported through Robert that the repeater antenna modifications could not take place in December due to weather on Goat Mountain. A discussion of ways and means to build the Repeater Fund was held.

Our meeting place will continue to be Peppermill Restaurant in Beaverton for the next several months. The January program will be on HF Operating and will be presented by our Contest Group.

**Ron KD7VIK** reported that the next Contest for **W7OTV** will be NAQP January 19-20.

The 501©(3) Committee has been formed and will be reporting to the Board possible actions to either alter our present IRS status or add a charitable entity to our club operations.

The Club Board of Directors meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month in the Community Room at TVF&R Station 67, 13810 SW Farmington Rd in Beaverton. Members are welcome to attend all meetings of the Board.

## JANUARY LUNCH BUNCH

**Saturday January 26, 2008**

**1:30 pm**

**Marco's Café**

**7910 SW 35th**

**Portland, Or 97219**

**For More Information**

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The *National Contest Journal* sponsors two popular contests: the North American QSO Party (NAQP) and the North American Sprint. Each contest occurs in three flavors, CW, SSB and RTTY and occurs in most cases twice per year. The North American QSO Parties are favorites of beginners and seasoned operators alike. With their low-power only, multipliers-per-band format, these contests allow stations from all parts of North America to be in the running for the top spots. And their 10/12 hour format allows participants to do some great contesting and still have time for other activities during the weekend! Participants can enter in the single op or multi-op categories and have the opportunity to combine up to five separate single op scores into a team score.

The OTVARC Contest Group will be entering a multi-op team for the January 19 - 20 session of the North American QSO Party, SSB variety. For more information, speak with Ron O'Connor KD7VIK, our Contest Group Coordinator...kd7vik@arrl.net.



**HAMFESTS & CONVENTIONS****15 February 2008****Salem Hamfair****Salem Repeater Association****Rickreall**<http://www.w7sra.com>

Talk-In: 146.86 (PL 186.2)

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**8 March 2008****Electronics Fleamarket****Mike and Key ARC**

Puyallup, WA

W. Wash Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall

[www.mikeandkey.org/flea.htm](http://www.mikeandkey.org/flea.htm)

Talk-In: 146.82/22 (PL103.5)

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**30, 31 May, 1 June 2008****SEA-PAC****Northwestern Division  
Convention**[www.seapac.org](http://www.seapac.org)

Talk-In: 146.660

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**ONLINE CALENDAR:**[my.calendars.net/otvarc/](http://my.calendars.net/otvarc/)

Want to keep track of events planned by various interest groups within the club? Want to check out the date for upcoming contests, projects, hamfests, etc. Here is the place to start. You find a link to this page on our web site [www.otvarc.org](http://www.otvarc.org). Have you checked out our web page lately? Is there something you'd like to see included there?

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**Happy January Birthday**

6	Mark Morrissey	KE7KEI
6	Will Sheffield	N7THL
6	Arnold Jensen	W7DSA
8	Bob Scott	W7AFR
8	Rick Schouweiler	KA5OLH
8	Ted Geroux	KE7BTY
14	Peter M Jordan	W7KTM
16	Herb Richardson	KB7SFJ
18	George Brennfleck	W7ILS
21	Lynn Hurd	WB7UNU
22	Jo Orr	KA7MIE
23	Margie Simmons	KE7HUR
23	Phillip Ricker	WB7ARB
24	Dana Johnson	KC7SNQ
24	Jack Smithson	KA7HOJ
27	Marvel Noyes	KA7TZY
30	"Rosy" Green	KD7PGH

Have we missed your birthday? Likely we do not have your correct date in our database.

Send updates and corrections to [otvarc@gmail.com](mailto:otvarc@gmail.com)

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## January 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 1:00 Board of Directors	31	New Year's Day 1	2	3	4	5 1:00 VE EXAMS
6 146.96 YOUTH NET	7	8	9 6:00 Pre-Meeting Dinner 7:00 Club Meeting	10	11	12
13 146.96 YOUTH NET	14	15	16	17	18	19 10:00 No. Amer QSO Pty Begins
20 146.96 YOUTH NET 10:00 No. Amer QSO Pty Ends	21	22	23 7:00 Board of Directors	24	25	26 1:30 LUNCH BUNCH
27 146.96 YOUTH NET	28	29	30 8:00 5th WEDNESDAY	31	<b>Oregon Tualatin Valley ARC</b> 880 NE 25th Ave STE 2-160 Hillsboro OR 97124 <a href="http://www.otvarc.org">www.otvarc.org</a>	

CLUB MEETING  
JANUARY 9TH

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